"The FCC raises a number of questions concerning the potential for interference and mitigation techniques.37 The UPLC reiterates its general response that BPL systems have not caused interference.38 Nor is there any indication from the trials that BPL systems would cause interference.39 Therefore, it would not be appropriate to require notching or other mitigation techniques to avoid interference to licensed operations, cable TV or DSL services that operate in proximity with BPL systems. The UPLC believes that the existing Part 15 rules for low speed carrier current systems do adequately protect authorized users of the spectrum that are in the bands used by BPL systems."

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There are a number of tests that have been conducted by non-UPLC entities (ARRL and others) that contradict these statements. It is only natural that UPLC may conduct tests that will support it's point of view. That there are other tests that have proven otherwise would seem to indicate there is much work to be done before BPL could become viable. In light of the blackout of August 14, it would seem that a more pressing concern would be to ensure that measures are taken by our power companies to minimize the chances of repeat occurrences and to maintain and enhance the integrity of our power grids.

As an active Amateur Radio operator I have very real interest and concern regarding the interference issues related to BPL. High levels of interference would effectively destroy my hobby.

I strongly urge the FCC to say "NO" to BPL.

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